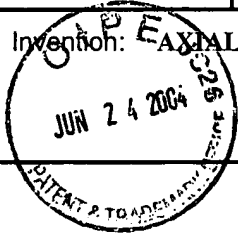
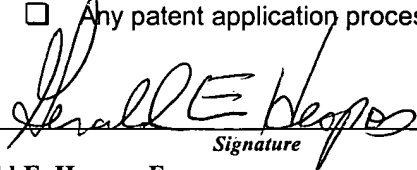
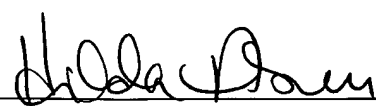


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the office action of April 20, 2004 and in conjunction with:

1. a Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
2. Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Rule 132 Declaration; and
4. copy of Vanderlande Industries Nederland BV v. Inc., 70 USPQ2d

1696 (Fed. Cir. 2004).